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## VIOLANTES RAISE WAR CHEST

### "LIFT BAN ON ARMS," SOVIET UNION DEMAND

England, France Calling on Italy to Remove Troops From Spain's Soil

GENEVA—The Soviet Union presented demands before the League of Nations Council for the complete abandonment of the "non-intervention" policy toward Spain through allowing the unhampered shipment of arms and munitions to the legal government of Spain. The action came as Britain and France had already served a demand on Mussolini that he join a conference to consider the withdrawal of foreign troops in Spain, implying that the opening of the French frontier would be the consequences of failure to do so. Later reports said that the anticipated refusal of Italy had caused England to modify its stand to demand only informal negotiations on the subject.

Opposing all attempts to end the "neutrality" system, the two fascist countries managed to forestall action of the League Council to adopt the British-French proposal of using the opening of the French border as a threat to force withdrawal of Italian and German troops. Governments sympathetic to fascism in a number of small countries abstained from voting, preventing the necessary two-thirds majority of the whole.

Only Portugal and Albania voted directly against the proposal in the Council. President Famon De Valera of the Irish Free State, took the lead in mobilizing the group which supported the fascists by abstaining from voting.

#### British Ship Fires Back At New Submarine Fire

LONDON—Warships of great Britain went into action with depth bombs against a new submarine attack on the British anti-submarine patrol off the Spanish coast.

The British destroyer Basilisk was fired upon without warning midway between Valencia and Alicante. It replied immediately with depth bombs, which were ready for use. The admiral here could not say whether or not the counter-attack had been effective.

The attempted torpedoing was the first recurrence of the "pirate" submarine attacks since the establishment of the patrol following the Soviet Union's open denunciation of Italy as the country responsible.

The Nyon accord which set up the patrol, however, says nothing of the defense of warships involved in the patrol, which are free to take their own measures of self-defense.

#### LONDONERS DEFY BRITISH FASCISTS

LONDON—More than 100,000 anti-fascists swarmed into the streets here Sunday, defying a virtual army of police to demonstrate against a fascist mobilization led by Sir Oswald Mosley.

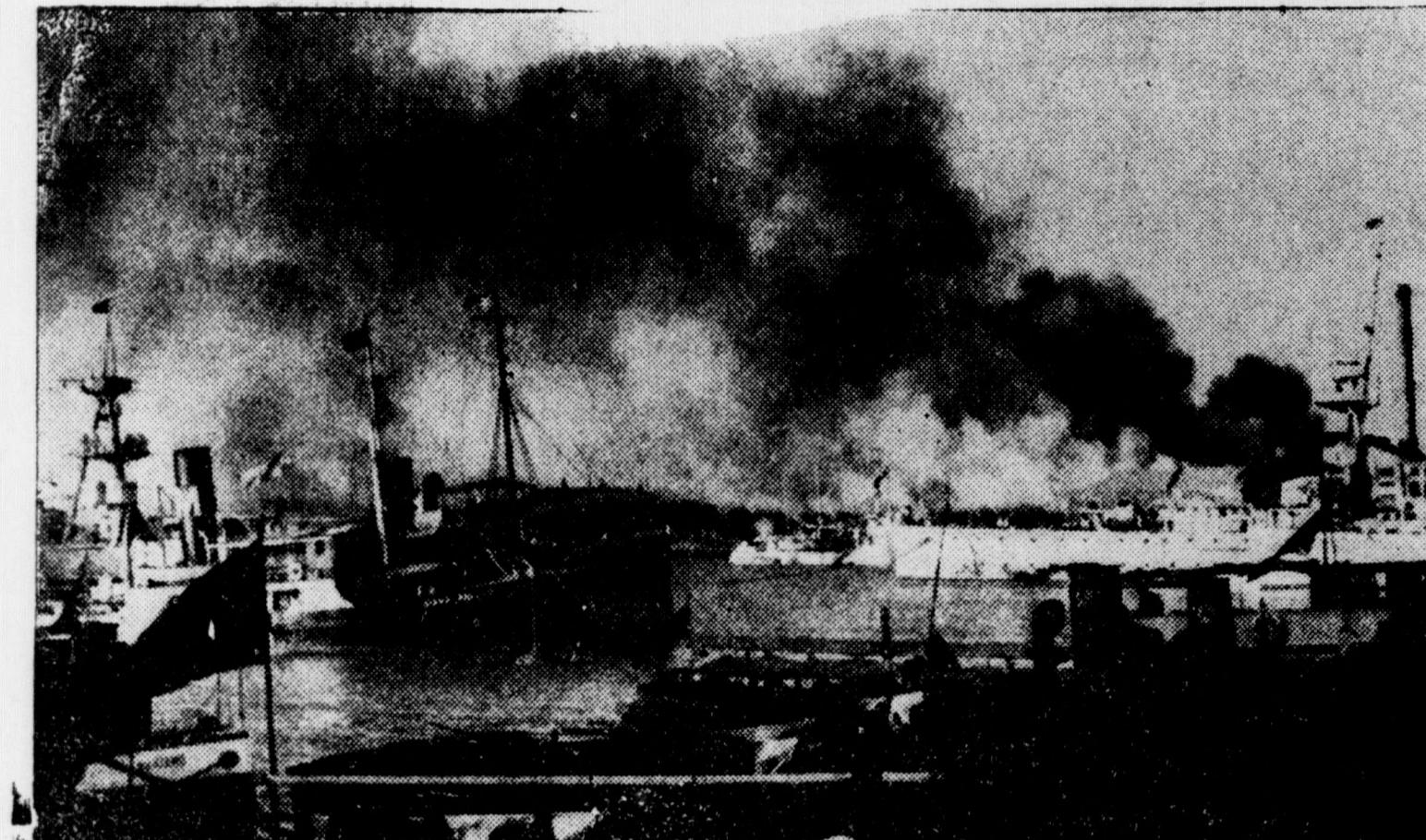
The tremendous demonstration of anti-fascist unity, defying wholesale beatings by London police, preceded a significant official declaration of the Labor Party Conference calling for a boycott on Japanese goods and urging the government to put a ban on munitions and financial credits to Japan.

The resolution of the conference passed unanimously, called on the government "to furnish medical supplies and other forms of humanitarian assistance to the Chinese people," and urged British citizens "to refuse to buy Japanese goods."

Mosley's crowd of 7000 was completely engulfed by the anti-fascist demonstration and Mosley himself was able to speak only after repeated attacks by police had sent hundreds of anti-fascists to hospitals and jails and cordons of police kept them away from the speaker.

New York Woodworkers NEW YORK—A Woodworkers Organizing Committee has been set up to organize 30,000 woodworkers and lumber handlers in Greater New York into the CIO Int'l. Woodworkers

Pootung in Flames From Japanese Incendiary Bombs



THIS PICTURE, taken from Shanghai's International Settlement, shows Pootung being virtually destroyed by Japanese bombers. The forward section of the U. S. S. Augusta is shown on the extreme right.

### Chinese Defense Lines Move Back

New Fortifications Occupied; China Is Urged to Adopt Red Army's Tactics

SHANGHAI—Although Chinese defenders in this area had stood off a six-day offensive of the Japanese, widely pronounced the heaviest to date of the war against China, the defense lines were withdrawn for several miles on a portion of the front Monday. Their movement took place in orderly manner to already prepared concrete and steel defense lines.

The action followed shortly after appeals had been printed in the Chinese press to "follow in practice those policies which are at the bottom of the Shansi victory." The Shansi victory was won by the Eighth Route Army, formerly the Red Army, which was characterized by the Chinese newspaper Shih Chow Pao as having "proved" that the allegations about a purported inability of North China to fight against heavily armed Japanese.

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AFL Head Finances Company Union At Ford's In Richmond

RICHMOND, Contra Costa County—The United Auto Workers is investigating a boss-supported attack on the strongly-entrenched UAW local at the Ford plant here, announced Frank Slaby, UAW Local 76 president.

It was reported Edward D. Vandeleur, State Federation of Labor secretary, had turned over \$500 to one Craig, who has been active against the union, and who is said to have hired a paroled convict as a stooge to sign workers into the AFL.

"Members of our union have been told they can go to work right away if they sign with the AFL, though workers are now laid off due to preparations for a new model," said Slaby.

### SEEK RELEASE OF C. S. BOYS

Habeas Corpus Proceedings May be Filed

SAN FRANCISCO—Habeas corpus proceedings will be filed within the next few days on behalf of the Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism prisoners in San Quentin unless they are released before then by action of Attorney General Webb.

Webb, by delaying action of the state following the appeal court's reversal of the convictions, has kept the three behind the bars. George Anderson, attorney for the defendants in the absence of Attorney Leo Gallagher, announced the plan of the habeas corpus proceedings to be filed in Marin County.

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### Mayor Acts Against Aircraft Strikers

INGLEWOOD—Indication that Donald Douglas has full cooperation of public authorities in attempts to break the strike at Northrop Aircraft, was given last Friday when Mayor Raymond V. Darby, again stepped forward as a "mediator."

Darby mailed questionnaires to all employees asking whether they would return to work under the "yellow dog" contract terms offered by Douglas. The document was composed of letters exchanged between Darby and Douglas followed by six questions and requests for answers.

#### Company Union Plan

Douglas' letters state he "would enter into a contract with any responsible representative of the employees which provided that during the period of the contract the employees would not strike, seize the property, do any acts of sabotage, or carry on a campaign of slowing up work under penalty of dismissal."

The agreement is further hedged with the stipulation that the employees must post financial guarantees.

#### Scores Darby

Last week Mayor Darby attempted to hold an election among the workers as to which union should be the recognized collective bargaining agent. This plan was dropped when Dr. Towne Nylander, National Labor Relations Board, stated an election would be invalid since an official election has already established the CIO United Auto Workers as sole bargaining agent.

"We are getting rather tired of having Mayor Darby use the mayor's office and the city funds to drum up back to work movements and break this strike," said Charles Hollingshead, president of Northrop Local 229 of the UAW.

#### New UAW Drive

In the meantime Douglas an-

nounced recognition of the company-inspired "Aircraft Workers' Union" as the bargaining agent for its members.

The UAW has opened a new

intensive organization drive at

the Douglas plant in Santa Monica, said Irvin Carey, mem-

ber of the UAW international executive

board, who arrived Friday.

Walter N. Wells, union vice-

president, will be here shortly

to take part in the drive.

### Strictly Personal --From the Staff

The first issue of the Daily Western Worker is less than three months off. It is time for all of us to begin a serious discussion of what our paper will be as a daily.

The staff has begun to consider all the problems, big and small, entailed in this undertaking and wishes to arrive at a solution through close consultation with the readers.

Some of the problems which require immediate consideration are:

1. A name. We are considering a new name for our daily. We throw this question open for our readers and all suggestions are welcome.

2. A program. Our paper must have a definite political platform. We want such a platform, stated briefly and concisely, one that could go below the masthead on the editorial page and proclaim to all what the paper fights for. To arrive at such a platform we want the widest discussion possible and invite all the readers to send suggested planks.

3. Form. Should the paper become a tabloid or retain its present size? What do you think?

4. In addition there are any number of ideas and opinions we all have. Each one may be valuable but the full value can be realized only through an exchange of these ideas and opinions.

We invite a full discussion of all these points. Our paper is different from others in that it is a people's paper. It can therefore consult with its readers on matters of policy. It draws its strength from this close consultation with the readers and we want a strong and powerful daily.

Your opinions, your ideas will help make it so.

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## 'Goons' Attack L. A. Woman

CIO Worker's Wife Is Kicked and Beaten

(See Page 8 for expose of "goon squads" in Los Angeles)

LOS ANGELES—Extending their terror to a defenseless woman, a "goon squad" brutally beat up and kicked Mrs. J. Raylyn Burke, 23.

Wife of William Burke, secretary to one of the executives of the CIO United Auto Workers Local 188, Mrs. Burke said she was sitting in her car in front of union headquarters waiting for her husband, when suddenly four men surrounded her, dragged her out and began to beat and kick her.

#### "Goon" Brutality

She screamed and called for help. A number of passers-by rushed toward the scene and the four men fled.

"This will do those lugs in there a lot more good than cracking their skulls," one of the thugs said, as he kicked Mrs. Burke.

Taken to Georgia St. receiving hospital, Mrs. Burke was treated for bruises on her face, head, abdomen and back.

#### Raps Buron Fitts

Interviewed in regard to the "goon" terrorism instigated by local AFL officials, Rev. A. A. Heist, CIO public relations director, declared:

"It is a strange thing that the district attorney (Buron Fitts) who was elected to clean up gangsterism in Los Angeles, now with the names and addresses of known thugs in his hand, still refuses to take any action."

J. R. Robertson, CIO regional director, is scheduled to meet with Congressman Jerry Voorhis, Byron Scott and others to consult on how to get federal action to put a stop to "goon" terror.

#### Appeals to Employers

His appeal to employers and the press for aid to the AFL in the war on the CIO was in line with the executive council report which attacks the National Labor Relations Board and exonerates the terrorists of the independent steel companies and auto corporations.

There is no doubt that this convention is organizing ruthless war, if Green's unprecedented ferocity voicing the Hutcheson line, is a criterion.

Dr. Wellington Koo, representa-

tive of the Chinese government, got a splendid ovation at the end of his speech denouncing the undeclared Japanese war against China.

Aside from the banquet and

radio talk on their arrival Monday, the three brothers were

scheduled to talk on their ex-

periences in the Loyalist trenches of Spain Tuesday night at Rich-

mond, Wednesday in San Fran-

cisco and Thursday in Oakland.

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# JUSTICE BLACK UPHOLDS BILL OF RIGHTS IN SPEECH WHICH RENOUNCES PROGRAM OF KKK

Former Senator Will Remain on Bench; Lewis Applauds Speech Citing Senate Record As Liberal

WASHINGTON—"The Constitution is the supreme law of our country. The Bill of Rights is the heart of the Constitution."

With this statement and with a repudiation of the program of prejudice of the Ku Klux Klan to which he admitted he once belonged, Justice Hugo L. Black, made it clear he would remain a member of the United States Supreme Court. He spoke in answer to one of the most concerted press campaigns ever launched against an individual.

The 15-minute radio speech of the newly appointed justice was heard by probably the largest radio audience ever to hear a single talk. It evoked comments, statements from leading senators, representatives, labor leaders and newspapers throughout the country.

## Lewis Applauds

John L. Lewis, head of the Committee for Industrial Organization, termed it "a powerful and straight-forward statement. It defines the creed of all Americans."

Legislators and newspapers generally held to whatever attitude they held previous to Black's statement. Senator Joseph O'Mahoney, (D., Wyo.) although he opposed the Supreme Court Reform plan, said:

"It was a frank and satisfactory statement which ought to be and which I think will be accepted by the country."

Senator Burke (D., Nebr.), however, who was a more bitter opponent of the court proposal, repeated his earlier condemnation of Black.

Senator Tom Connally (D., Tex.) said: "Like many others upon reflection and realization of the error, he stated he resigned and abandoned it. . . . It seems to me that it is a closed one."

President Roosevelt, on an auto tour in Washington state, did not hear the speech.

**Cites Senate Record**

After citing his senatorial record as a proof that he had consistently opposed the racial and religious prejudice which is the Klan's program, Black said:

"The insinuations of racial and religious intolerance made concerning me are based on the fact that I joined the Ku Klux Klan about 15 years ago. I did join the Klan, I later resigned. I never rejoined. What happened then, or what appears now on the records of the organization I do not know.

"I never have considered, and I do not now consider the unsolicited card given to me shortly after my nomination to the senate as a membership of any kind in the Ku Klux Klan. I never used it. I did not even keep it."

"Before becoming a senator I dropped the Klan. I have had nothing whatsoever to do with it since that time. I abandoned it. I completely discontinued any association with the organization. I have never resumed it and never expect to do so."

**Fought Intolerance**

Black declared that his record in the senate "refutes every implication of racial or religious intolerance. It shows that that was of that group of liberal senators who have consistently fought for the civil, economic and religious rights of all Americans, without regard to race or creed."

Supporting his senatorial record, the Supreme Court justice declared his friendship of members of the colored race and declared: "Certainly they are entitled to the full measure of protection accorded to the citizenship of our country by our Constitution and laws."

He said that he had never considered religion or race in his endorsement of political candidates and that he had formed life-long friendships among the Jewish people.

**NEW MFP HEADQUARTERS**

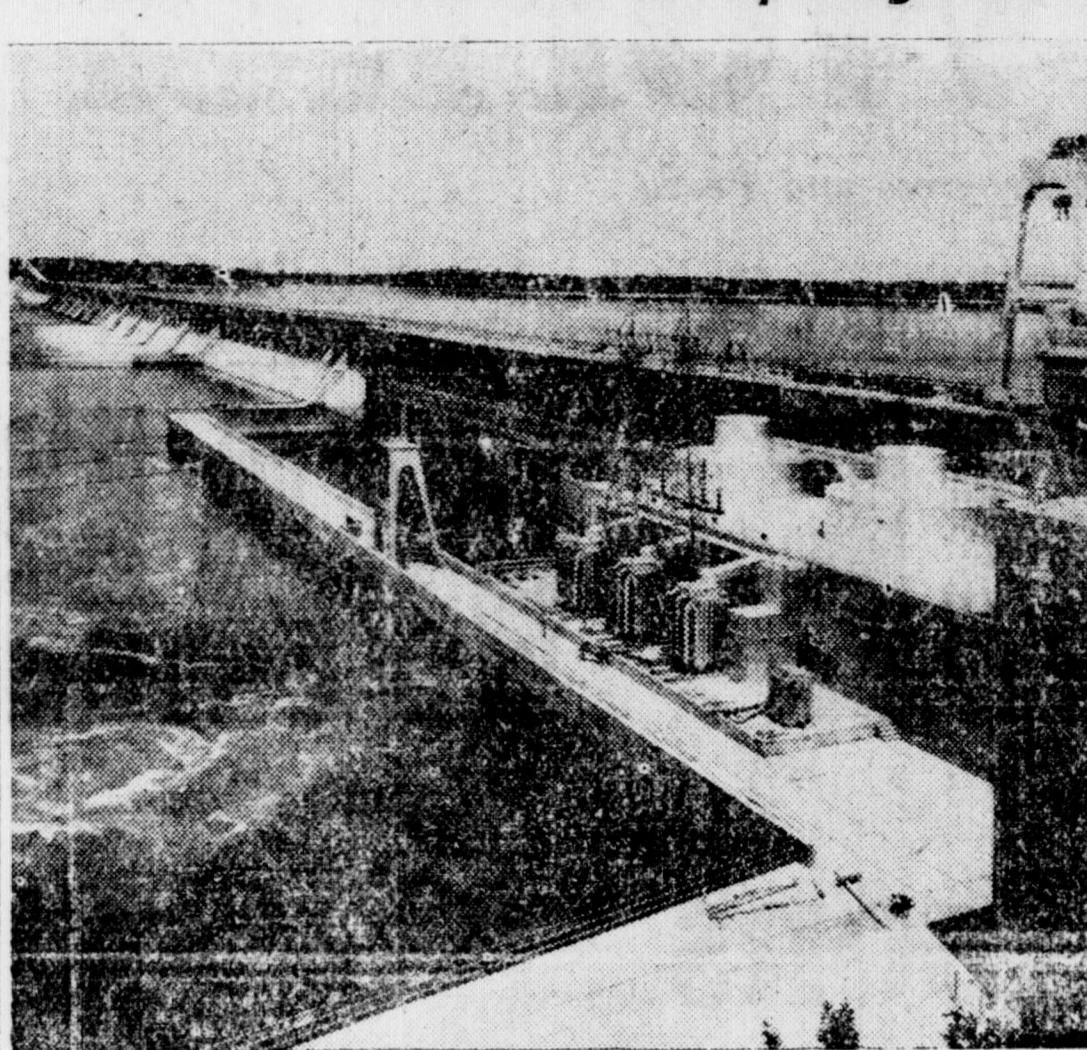
SAN FRANCISCO — Headquarters for District Council No. 2, Maritime Federation of the Pacific, are now located at 10 Embarcadero, announced Secretary Z. R. Brown. The offices were formerly at 112 Market Street.

**Oregon Governor Called to Task On State Land Sale**

PORLAND, Ore. — Gen. Charles R. Martin, reactionary governor of Oregon, has been called by the Oregon Commonwealth Federation in his attempt to give away great sections of grazing land to wealthy cattlemen at 5% cent an acre. O. C. F. representatives jammed a hearing in his office in opposition to the proposal, which would rob the schools of heavy revenue.

Federation directors, by a vote of 18 to 4, recently adopted a Far Eastern Policy of "Neutrality" by the American government in the Asiatic war, every aid by the American people to the Chinese fighters against Fascism."

## This Put Fear in the Utility Magnates



DOWNTREAM face of the Wheeler Dam, the final step in the TVA water control project that sent Public Utility magnates into hysterics thinking of the cheaper power and light facilities to be supplied consumers.

## U. S. TO PROBE CHILD LABOR IN BEET AREA

WASHINGTON — Investigation of child labor in the beet and cane sugar fields of continental United States will be started by the United States Department of Agriculture, it was learned here. Hearings in Louisiana have already been scheduled.

A resolution was passed demanding that the city council make immediate appropriations for necessary funds for the Housing Commission, and to pass a resolution in the council to investigate to make certain that employers of child labor do not receive benefits.

Labor in beet fields is generally recognized as the most exploited in the country. Children travel with their parents from beet field to beet field, working 10 to 12 hours a day in an effort to earn enough to keep alive. They sleep in autos by the side of the road and eat the meager fare earned by their few pennies a day.

Despite Governor Merriam's veto of the housing bill, Los Angeles through its Municipal Housing Commission can take advantage of the federal appropriation for slum clearance if the city council will assume the responsibility for the bonds.

### Elstein Chairman

Herbert Spencer Elstein, 1936 Communist candidate for Assembly, was chairman of the conference.

The people of the east side are determined to wipe out these shameful slum districts and to fight for adequate housing and low rental," said Elstein.

Landlords of the district recently banded together and called on Chief Davis in an attempt to stop tenant organizing. The Farmer Labor Club has been holding regular street meeting where problems of slum clearance and housing are discussed.

On Oct. 20th an enlarged conference will meet at the Roosevelt High School. Judge Ben Lindsey, Assemblymen John Pelletier and Ben Rosenthal, who led the fight for slum clearance on the floor of the Assembly, and Assemblyman Augustus Hawkins, have been asked to speak.

### Reactionary Berkeley Mayor Declared to Be Indebted to Banks

BERKELEY — That the Bank of America and a big investment company hold a sword of Damocles over the mayor of this city in the form of mortgages totaling \$101,400, by which they are able to influence public policies, was strongly indicated by charges made in an affidavit filed in Federal Court in San Francisco.

The affidavit, filed by the Del Norte Investment Company, charged that Mayor E. N. Ament, his son in law R. D. Compton, and their wives attempted to defraud creditors by concealing \$50,000 in a can buried in a lot in Richmond, and in containers on kitchen shelves and prior to the bankruptcy on July 10 of the Ashby Furniture Company. Ament was president and Compton vice-president.

The Bank of America, it was disclosed, holds a note of \$47,000 and the Del Norte company two notes of \$37,000 and \$16,000, respectively, against the defunct furniture company. Suits have been filed by both financial institutions for recovery of the amounts. The affidavit was an outgrowth of the Del Norte company's suit.

Mayor Ament has denied the charges, claiming that the \$50,000 rightfully belonged to him and Compton as back salary.

The mayor has consistently advocated reactionary policies in the city council.

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## DORE REFUSES DEBATE WITH C. P. SPEAKER

### Makes Bid for Support Of Reaction by Another Attack on Reds

SEATTLE — Taking refuge in a new rash of red-baiting, strike-breaker Mayor Dore of Seattle has "declined" to meet District Organizer Morris Raport in a public debate, in which Raport offered to prove that behind Dore's vicious anti-Communist attacks lie Dore's attempt to crush the labor movement.

Raport, in a letter to Dore, refuted with factual proof Dore's frequent statements to the press that the Communist Party is the "troublemaker" in Seattle. The actual facts, Raport said, are that Dore, offering full protection to the Dave Beck goon squads, has himself been responsible for industrial anarchy.

Raport's letter said

"It is clear then, that your present anti-Communist campaign is an election campaign. You are trying, by attacking the Communists, to bring back the Republican reactionary support, which in the beginning of your administration, you lost; now you hope that the support of the reactionary Republicans and that of Dave Beck's machine will put you back in office."

In reply, Dore launched forth in further red-baiting, serving only to show his fear of appearing before the public in defense of his brutal attacks on picket lines maintained by CIO unions.

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# TORIES WEAKEN AS WORLD'S PEOPLES UNITE TO STOP WAR DOGS IN SPAIN, CHINA

USSR Seen As Mightiest Peace Force As Litvinov Denounces Italian U-Boat At Nyon Conference

By HARRY GANNES

Symptoms of a changing attitude of the peace-loving nations towards the general danger of war are visible in the concrete developments around Spain and China.

Just how far this change will go depends primarily on the speed with which the people in the respective nations can exert united pressure for peace.

No one can say that the Tories relished the sharp London protests to their erstwhile closest allies, the Japanese militarists and fascists. Nor did these British reactionary gentlemen propose that any obstacles be cast in General Franco's path.

## Nyon Is Turning Point

But world events are shaping up in such a way that it becomes difficult for the Tories of all lands, by encouraging and allying with fascism, to betray the peace aims of their own people.

The turning point, future history, will record, was the Nyon anti-pirate conference, followed as it was by the ruthless bombardment of Chinese cities by the Japanese imperialists.

And the turning point of the Nyon conference was the sensational and heroic action of the Soviet Union in branding Mussolini as the pirate of the Mediterranean.

## Soviet Initiative

It is becoming more difficult for the capitalist press to conceal the fact that the initiative for every peace action in the world today is taken by the Soviet Union. Nyon, of course, emphasized that fact. Litvinov's scathing indictment of the fascist bandits in Geneva preceded the unanimous condemnation of Japan's barbarous bombardments in



MAXIM LITVINOV

## New Leaders Elected In Drive to Stamp Out Inefficiency

(Special to the Western Worker) MOSCOW—Outstanding feature of the current All-Union Congresses of the various Soviet trade unions is considered here to be the clean sweep of incompetent bureaucrats out of the trade unions by the election of leaders through the secret ballot.

At the 40 congresses which are now under way, a 90 per cent new membership of the central committees have been elected.

The new chairmen of the central committees, who function as the general leaders of the trade unions, are 70 per cent new men, only 30 per cent have been re-elected.

## Criticism Free

With discussion at the congresses free for the sharpest criticism of inefficiency and bureaucracy, the broad socialist democracy proclaimed by the new Stalin constitution held complete sway.

Three out of every five delegates to the various congresses took the floor to give the experiences of his own local union in the fight to improve working conditions and remove the deadening hand of self-satisfied bureaucrats.

Throughout the trade unions, as well as in the All-Union congresses, there has been a tidal upsurge of activity on the part of the rank and file, who have reasserted their absolute rule as a result of the inspiration of the new constitution.

The delegates are not only removing those incapable of handling the complex tasks facing trade union leaders, but are also choosing from their own midst those who by their work in lower organizations have shown their ability to master all and any difficulties.

## Prelude to Elections

What adds particular significance to these elections is that they are a kind of dress rehearsal for the forthcoming elections to the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R., highest Soviet legislative and executive body set up by the new constitution.

The 22 million members of the Soviet trade unions, largely body of trade unionists in any single country in the world, are almost one-fourth of the entire voting strength for the general elections.

Most important of all questions which each candidate had to face before the rank and file were two: How do you fight for the line of the Bolshevik Party? and what have you done, in practice, to show your devotion to the working class?

## Union Relief Raises \$138,228 for Spain

NEW YORK—The Trade Union Relief for Spain has collected \$138,228 at a total cost of only \$825. Of this \$98,000 has been sent abroad for a 1,200-bed hospital at Onteniente, leaving a cash balance of \$39,402.

This report was issued by Chairman Charles S. Zimmerman with a request to the State Department to correct an impression caused by the department's published report that the relief organization had received \$13,162, sent nothing to Spain, and spent \$733 for administration and publicity expenses.

These figures are partial and misleading, inasmuch as they do not cover the whole history of the organization, whose former name of Labor's Red Cross for Spain was changed to comply with State Department regulations.

"It is presumed," states the author, "that such attempts to spread germs will not be directed against troops in the field, but against the civilian population in the remote enemy territory. To use it against soldiers would entail great dangers to the attacking troops."

Spotted typhus, cholera and dysentery, the Nazi gloats, are bound to cause havoc among populations living in misery and unsanitary conditions that prevail today.

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**Other Affairs**

**San Francisco**  
Mass meeting, fighting Flaherty Brothers, Lincoln Brigade, Wed., Oct. 6, Irish-American Hall, 458 Valencia St., Ausp. Friends of Lincoln Brigade.

Congress Dance Oct. 16, Yosemite Hall, 110 Page St. Adm. 49c. Am. League Against War and Fascism.

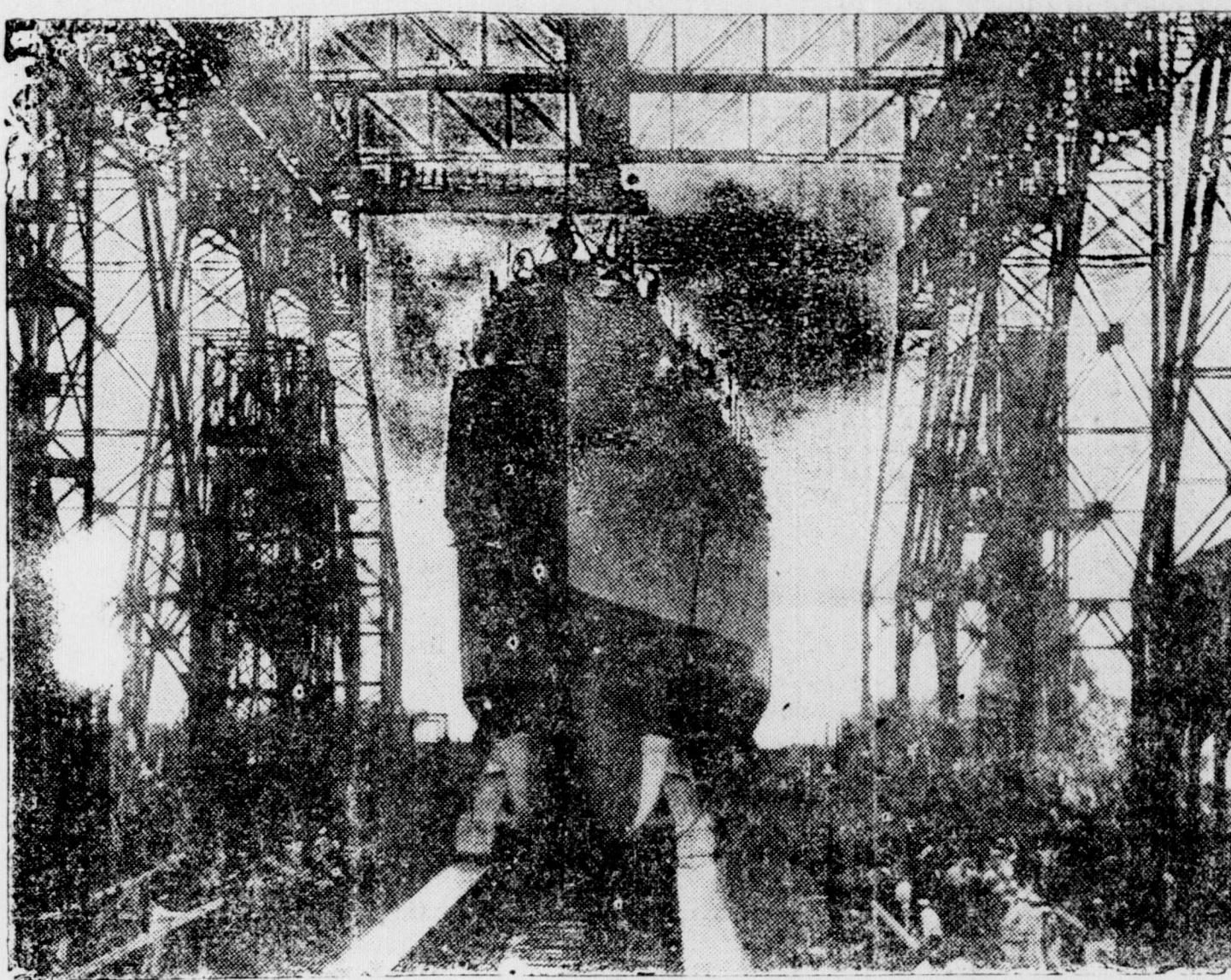
Benefit dance for Defenders of Spanish democracy. ILWU Ship Scalers—Druids Temple, 44 Page St., Sat. night, Oct. 23. Admission: Gentlemen, 30c; ladies free. Union music.

**Los Angeles**  
Mass meeting at the Philharmonic Auditorium, Wed., 8:30 p.m., Oct. 13th. The three fighting Flaherty Brothers, Auspices Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Battalion. Tickets on sale at 333 West Second St., Room 616, phone MI. 7925.

**East Bay**  
Mass meeting, celebration 20th anniversary Russian Revolution. Speaker, Clarence Hathaway. Editor Daily Worker of New York. Civic Auditorium, November 8 p.m.

# USSR Workers Ensure Democracy In Trade Unions As Elections Near

## Launching a "Pocket" Battleship for the U. S. Fleet



THE HONOLULU, which incorporates many new features of naval construction, slides down the ways at the Brooklyn Navy Yard after being christened. It may soon be used to protect democracy against international fascism if the plans of Mussolini and Hitler succeed.

## Hitler Speeds Rome Alliance As German Workers Starve

### Workers Must Eat Cabbage and Potatoes As Nazis Hike Food Prices and Slash Wages

Behind last week's conversations between Hitler and Mussolini in Munich exists a situation which explains the eagerness of the Nazi leader to rush plans for strengthening the Berlin-Rome axis.

Predicted freely before the dictators met was their agreement to force the small democratic states of Europe and Latin America into a line of diplomatic collaboration with fascist policies. It was reported

widely by political observers that this strategy was the first step in a program to force the democratic big powers to capitulate one after the other.

Furthermore, it was generally recognized that this attempt to exterminate democracy throughout the world and attack the peace-loving peoples of the earth would be carried on under the guise of a crusade against Communism.

These predictions, as the press has shown, have been proved correct. But the decisive factors underlying the strategy of the Nazi leadership have not been disclosed. Most important of these factors is the steady decline of the living standards of the German people and their consequent discontent. No one knows this better than Hitler the Nazi leaders.

Even Wallace Deuel, Berlin correspondent for the San Francisco Chronicle and no enemy of Nazis, writes:

"Two of the things the Nazis set out to do when they seized power were to force farm prices up and to keep rates of pay down. They succeeded in doing both."

"The index figure for agricultural prices has risen from 91.3 to 104.6 since 1932 (1913 equals 100). The retail price of butter has risen 35 per cent and that of margarine 44 per cent."

"On the other hand, the index figure for the general average hourly rate of pay has declined from 86.2 to 83.5 during the same period (1928 equals 100 in this case)."

Real Story Hidden

But such facts only hint at the real story. German government statisticians, lackeys of the National Socialist Party, have become so expert at doctoring and misrepresenting figures that we must check and double-check to get the true facts of the case.

For example, the actual rate of pay has declined a great deal more than 4 per cent during the last five years. To begin with, most German working men and white-collar employees must make compulsory insurance payments. Through the payment of unemployment insurance, health insurance and pension insurance, more than ten per cent is deducted from the individual's gross earnings. To this must be added wage and poll taxes amounting to 3.5 per cent and the so-called "voluntary" contributions which are really compulsory and amount to from 5 to 10 per cent. Thus, Germans receive only about three-fourths of their stated wages and in depreciated marks.

Miserable Health

Despite all these "social services" and "insurance," the health situation in Germany rapidly is worsening. Admits the May 30 issue of "Der Angriff," journal of Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels:

"The number of unemployed workers amounts to 3,500,000 throughout the Reich; 2,500,000 of them could be made employable through adequate treatment. The writer in the Angriff neglects to say that the 'adequate treatment' which this huge army of unemployed are not getting, consists of nutrition, clothing and housing. When winter

comes, millions more will be in need of even the meager relief afforded; last year almost 13,000,000 persons received relief from the Winter Relief Fund."

All the scraps which these 3,500,000 "unemployables" do receive comes not from the Nazi government which is interested in guns, not butter, but from the pockets of the 19,000,000 Germans who still have jobs.

Under Nazi fascism, states Wallace Deuel, not only are wages decreased by cuts and check-offs, but prices are shooting sky-high. The German In-

comes, millions more will be in need of even the meager relief afforded; last year almost 13,000,000 persons received relief from the Winter Relief Fund."

These last figures were published two years ago by the Geneva international labor office in Geneva. Since the militarization of the Rhineland, the Spanish aggression, and other war preparations of Germany, this trend in diet away from healthy foods toward starch substitutes has increased by leaps and bounds.

The Nazis are now making a frantic drive to put over a "national menu." All foodstuffs are divided into three classes: "consumption to be encouraged," "consumption to be discouraged," and "consumption to be maintained at present levels." But despite the constant campaign through the press, radio, film and school, consumption goes more or less along the lines determined by economic not political forces.

Standards Compared

It is difficult to compare exactly the living standard of the average German with that of the average American, although wages as low as \$10 a month in Germany are not unknown. Mr. Deuel, in his recent series of German, cites as "typical" a "white-collar employee with a wife and two children earning \$75 a month."

However, after making allowances for monetary inflation, differences in price levels and diet habits, we can fairly safely lay down the following rule. If an American worker wants to know how his German brother in similar employment is faring, let him imagine how he would live if his wages were from one-third to one-half smaller. That is about the plight of his brother under Nazi fascism.

BACK WAGES WON

WAUKEGAN, Ill.—The Fansteel Co. has been ordered by the National Labor Relations Board to reinstate 83 workers fired last fall, and to pay \$70,000 back wages to 67 of them. The board also ordered the company to desist from dealing with a company union.

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# RAIN AIDS BASQUES TO BLOCK FASCIST DRIVE; LOYALISTS TRAP MERCENARIES IN 2 CITIES

Aragon Advances Open New Avenue to French Frontier; 40 Conspirators Arrested in Mop-up Behind Lines

MADRID—Fighting to stall down the advance of the fascists in Asturia in the Bay of Biscay Area, hard-bitten miners and Basque nationalists were aided in the past few days by a torrential rain. A fascist advance into the province was blocked and winter threatened to forestall the advance completely.

In Aragon province the Loyalist forces continued their encircling movement aimed at surrounding and taking Saragossa, Jaca and other strategic fascist-held cities. Loyalist troops were within two miles of Jaca.

The fight in Aragon had the additional purpose of opening up a new Loyalist avenue to the French frontier, demand for whose opening is growing among peace forces centering their fire at Geneva. At the same time, Loyalist refugees who had fled to France from the Basque province and other beleaguered areas, were returning to Spain from France.

A new conspiracy was discovered and broken up by Loyalist secret police who arrested 40 persons at Berga, charged with sending money out of Spain and aiding deserters from Loyalist armies.

## Mexico Speeds Plans For Latin-American Labor Congress

MEXICO CITY—The Congress of all national labor organizations which for more than a year the CTM (Confederation of Mexican Workers) has been attempting to bring together, will in all probability be held in Mexico City in December of this year or January of 1938.

On September 20th, the National Committee of the CTM sent a fresh invitation to the most important labor bodies of all the Latin-American countries, proposing that they send delegates to the Congress in Mexico City by December at the latest.

The CTM offers to aid all such organizations as are financially unable to afford the expense of sending delegates.</

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## In Words and In Action, Black Repudiates the Klan

JUSTICE BLACK asserts that the Bill of Rights is the heart of the Constitution.

He cited his record as a senator and a political leader to indicate that he believes in making this more than an assertion, but a guide to action as well.

He admitted frankly that he once belonged to one of the most rabid, anti-labor, prejudiced and un-American organizations this country has ever known. He declared that he resigned and never rejoined, that he never expects to do so.

In short, Justice Black has put the cards on the table. We think it is possible for a man who has once been a member of the Klan to have his eyes opened to its real significance and to combat, honestly, all that it stands for. Thousands of people today, once deceived into joining the Klan, are testimony to that.

What testimony has Justice Black given in his own case?

He has clearly repudiated all that the Klan stands for. He has made his stand for the Bill of Rights. That is important but not decisive. What is more important is that he has, as he says, repudiated the Klan in practice. This is far more than most of his accusers can say for themselves. There is nothing in Black's senatorial record to indicate that he ever discriminated against race or religion. On the other hand, to his positive credit, there is the record of consistent fight against the real purpose of the Klan.

The role of the Klan was to terrorize the masses of people to advance the interests of that collection of monopolists known as Wall Street. Black fought this in the Senate investigation of the scandalous ocean mail subsidies. He fought it by supporting the wages and hours bill and the National Labor Relations Act. He fought it by support to the proposal to reform the Supreme Court to the end of stopping its autocratic, usurped powers. The only recent blemish on Black's progressive record is his failure to fight for the Anti-Lynching Bill, for which he must be criticized.

The American people will accept Justice Black's statement as a convincing answer to his accusers. For who are these accusers? They are the reactionary press and economic royalists of today, who stand for the same things the Klan does. It is clear that they have made an issue out of the Klan not to fight what it stands for, but to fight one whose record shows that he opposed its main purpose.

But the American people can not let the matter drop there. The vigilant eye of the people will judge his actions on the high court bench. The real test of Justice Black will be in his stand on such issues as the Scottsboro case, the Tom Mooney case and in vital issues of social legislation to come before the court in the session just begun. Here it is not by any means a question of Justice Black alone. There is Justice Sutherland, who openly defended the Klan in a Supreme Court decision. There is the whole reactionary clique in the court.

The campaign against the court must be carried on to break its usurped right to outlaw the acts of a congress elected by the people.

Justice Black would have merited greater praise if he had openly and directly admitted that it was the most serious mistake of his career to have had anything whatsoever to do with the Klan, under any conditions; if he had openly admitted that this connection was harmful to every standard of decent Americanism; if he had admitted this and proclaimed directly his determination to correct that mistake.

The enemies of the people are the very ones who carried on the biggest fight against Justice Black. Their strategem must not be allowed to have its intended effect!

## Los Angeles' Latest Unholy Alliance

CITY, County, State and Federal officials are supposed to be guardians of democracy. "Supposed to be" is the right phrase as far as Los Angeles County is concerned, for there the people have seen so-called public servants from the city cop to the U. S. District Attorney flagrantly violate their oaths of office by refusing to enforce the law against the "goons."

Several score of workers, members of Committee for Industrial Organization unions, have been brutally beaten and several severely crippled by armed blackguards paid by

American Federation of Labor officials. The CIO has affidavits to prove this.

Yet Police Chief Davis has ordered no arrests. District Attorney Buron Fitts remains silent. State officials are without voice to speak out against these outrages. And the U. S. District Attorney regrets he can do nothing because it is "out of my province," and suggests that the CIO apply to Fitts for protection against the "goons."

This constitutes an obvious conspiracy involving so-called labor leaders such as Secretary J. W. Buzzell of the Central Labor Council, the law enforcement agencies, and the open-shop interests, to subvert the constitution and laws of the United States and the State of California. And this conspiracy is violently directed against all workers in the exercise of their democratic right, guaranteed by federal law, to choose their own collective bargaining agency.

Every honest citizen, every union member who believes in unionism and in democracy, every progressive-minded person must raise immediate protest against this unholy alliance against the principles of democracy, and must support the demands of the CIO Industrial Council of Los Angeles for:

1. An investigation by the Los Angeles County Grand Jury into the brutal attacks on CIO members, in order that those guilty may be brought to justice.

2. An investigation by United States Attorney General Homer Cummings into the violations and into the refusal of the U. S. District Attorney in Los Angeles to take action against the violators.

The policies of violence and terrorism instigated by AFL officials must also of necessity meet repudiation within the ranks of the AFL unions in Los Angeles. The AFL members have no quarrel with their CIO brothers; in fact they owe it to themselves and to labor in general, to join hands with their CIO brothers to drive "goon squads" out of the labor movement.

Labor in Los Angeles must unite on the question of democracy if democracy is to be preserved, for on the shoulders of labor most of all rests the entire future of democracy.

Let the smashing of the "goon squads" be the first step in the uniting of labor's ranks in Los Angeles County.

## Shelley's Mandate At Denver

WILLIAM GREEN announces he will demand expulsion of the CIO unions, and will call for setting up of dual unions against CIO unions.

William Hutcheson, Carpenters' czar, demands expulsion of CIO unions and all unions and individuals leaning toward sympathy to the CIO.

But Green, Hutcheson, and the other pretenders of the American Federation of Labor can not, no matter how they try, close their ears to the ringing demand of the AFL membership for unity. The rank and file will not be fooled by red-baiting and other smoke-screens; they will not be satisfied with out unity.

The election of John F. Shelley as the San Francisco Central Labor Council delegate to the AFL convention in Denver, is another bit of handwriting on the wall for those AFL officials who would destroy all semblances of unity. Because Shelley introduced a resolution calling for unity in the labor movement at the State Federation of Labor convention, he was "dumped" by Teamster officials' "goons." Because he stood against the union-busting, splitting Vandeleur machine, Shelley was elected as convention delegate and the Vandeleur machine candidate, Fred West, was defeated.

Even with the Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's delegates ousted, and with other progressive unions expelled from the council, Vandeleur and his machine still can't get the endorsement they want for their murderous tactics of strike-breaking, splitting and "goon" squads.

The fight that went on in the San Francisco Labor Council last Friday night, is being duplicated on a nation-wide scale in Denver at the AFL convention. On one side are the Greens, Hutchisons, Wolls, Freys and their machine stooges; on the other side are those who will fight against further splits in the labor movement and will fight to gain one united labor movement. It is hoped that Shelley will play a leading role in the progressive camp, speaking the will of the organized labor membership in San Francisco for unity.

## The Fascists Are Feeling The Blows of Democracy

THE PIRATE of the Mediterranean is feeling the pressure of the world front for democracy and peace more emphatically than ever before.

England and France, simultaneously, presented their virtual demands that Mussolini join a conference to discuss the withdrawal of Italian troops from Spain. The pirate was warned specifically that the presence of these troops constitutes a direct menace to the interests of these two countries.

The Soviet Union, which since the Nyon conference has emerged more clearly than ever before as the leader of the international peace forces, simultaneously launched a new campaign for the dropping of the entire farce of "non-intervention." It demanded that full permission be given to ship arms and ammunition to the legitimate Spanish government.

The force of these developments far overshadows the Phryric "victory" of the fascists when they rallied enough votes of small governments to prevent the League as a whole

## American Doctors Saving Lives in Spain



LOYALIST soldiers, wounded in action, are shown being cared for by Dr. William Pike, American doctor who went to Spain with a unit of the Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy. American contributions bought the ambulance, too.

## THE NEGRO WORKER

By A. Phillip Randolph

A. Philip Randolph is president of the National Negro Congress which will hold its second national convention in Philadelphia, Oct. 15-17. He is also International President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, an affiliate of the American Federation of Labor, and one of the outstanding labor leaders of the country.

His article below was written for the Daily Worker.

The Negro people hail the second annual meeting of the National Negro Congress!

The liberal and progressive people of the country, without regard to race or color, creed or nationality, all hail the Congress. The Second National Negro Congress comes at a crucial period of transition in the life of the world and the Negro race. Problems of the gravest import challenge the progressive forces of modern society. All groups are faced with the necessity of taking decisive action on the significant and vital trends of social forces, for war is abroad in the world and fascism is rampant.

### How Negroes Differ

The Negro is confronted with the task of holding on to the liberties he already has and fighting to secure those he is entitled to in these United States in particular, and the world in general. Different from other groups in the country, the Negro people have never secured the elementary civil and political rights that come with the establishment of democratic government, following the overthrow of the slave regime.

While the right to vote, to be voted for, and to have an economic stake in the country, and to secure an education are the natural rights and privileges that come with the transition from an autocratic slave system to the creation of a democratic republic, the Negro race has never enjoyed these rights and privileges, especially in the Southern states. Because he has never participated in the fruits of a bourgeois revolution which was achieved partially by the Civil War, Negroes have the problem of completing their incomplete political and civil emancipation.

### In Labor Unions

The right to work and to join labor organizations that increase the power of the Negro people to improve their standard of living are, too, an important objective of the race. Adequate relief and the securing of justice in the courts provoke no differences of opinion among Negroes so far as their interest in obtaining these results are concerned.

To the end of fusing and cementing the forces in Negro life together for the purpose of realizing the aforementioned demands, the Second National Negro Congress is called. The church, school, fraternity, sorority, fraternal lodge, home, trade union, social club, art guild, and all of the various agencies that express Negro thought and action will be embraced in this Congress. Resolutions and proclamations bearing upon the consolidation of the Negro liberation movements will be presented and discussed in the various sections to provide the directive and driving forces in the Negro struggle for emancipation.

Trade union and industrial organization for Negro workers, will occupy an important place on the agenda. The great drive to organize the mass production industries by CIO has had its appeal for the Negro masses. Hundreds of thousands of Negro workers are embraced in these industries. They are ready for organization. They are willing to pay the price along with their white brothers in struggle, suffering and sacrifice, to achieve labor solidarity to protect and advance their rights. Thus, they are pouring in large numbers into the CIO unions that are organizing these industries. They are not only becoming members, but

from supporting the French-British proposals. And the leaders of these small governments, notably President De Valera of the Irish Free State, may yet face the wrath of their own people.

The British Tories' pro-fascist orientation has been rebuked by an aroused British population. Sunday in London, coming out into the streets against the blackshirts of Oswald Mosley, masses of British people demonstrated again, convincingly, that they are determined on action against the fascist forces.

Clearly the peace forces of Europe are taking the initiative, guided and aided by the peace policy of the Soviet Union. It remains for the United States to become a part of this rapidly growing front. This must be the demand of the American people: to add America's moral and economic force to the front against the fascist aggressors in Spain, to see that America collaborates with the peace forces led by the Soviet Union.

## As We See It

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN  
Calif. State Secretary, Communist Party

### A Challenge to Every Communist

THE PEOPLE'S FRONT, which saved France from fascism, was only created through the efforts of a strong Communist Party with mass influence. Likewise, to defeat reaction in America and build a People's Front here, we need a strong American Communist Party. That is why we are now engaged in a recruiting drive, and a drive to establish a Daily Western Worker.

In all seriousness, we accepted a challenge from Chicago on building the Party in California. The month of September has gone by, and both the Western Worker and recruiting drive are very slow in getting under way.

Chicago is out to recruit 1,000 new members by November 7th, and thus replace California as the second largest district in the country. With the drive at the half-way mark, they are already way ahead of California. In the first two weeks of September, Chicago has recruited over 350 new members, as compared to California's 191. Even the Seattle district showed up, having recruited 120 members in the same period (the city of Seattle is in competition with San Francisco). At this rate, California will be trailing way behind when November 7th rolls around.

### Why California Lags

What is the reason for this slowness in recruiting? Certainly, the Party and its activities are known to wide masses of workers on the West Coast. In the maritime, agricultural, and other industries, the Party through its members has been in the forefront of the workers' struggles. Its program is being more readily accepted everywhere, as the workers learn to look to the Party and to individual Communists for correct leadership. Red-baiting by reactionaries has dismally failed in the California labor movement.

The fault lies in the failure of Communists systematically to approach their fellow-workers in their factory, industry, or union; explain to them the position of the Communist Party on the issues facing the labor movement and the American people; and to follow up these contacts every day in order to win these workers to support the Party program and eventually recruit them into the Party. In many cases, Communist Party members are even timid about introducing the Western Worker to their friends and fellow workers, although the Western Worker is the best recruiting agent for the Party.

### One Recruit Monthly Is Minimum

The Communist who doesn't recruit an average of one new member a month, is either so isolated from non-Party workers that he doesn't know anyone to recruit, or else he becomes so absorbed in mass activity in his union or other organizations, that he forgets that without building the Party at the same time that he builds the union, he is building on sand. It either case, he is failing in his first duty as a Communist, and fails to serve to the best of his ability the interests of the working class.

California has established such a splendid record for recruiting in the past, that we are confident that the present lag is a temporary one, and will soon be overcome. In the remaining month of competition, we must more than double the tempo of recruiting by every member, in every unit and branch, and we must speed up the financial drive for a Daily Western Worker.

We are not racing against any arbitrarily set date, just for the record. WE ARE RACING AGAINST TIME, WE ARE RACING AGAINST REACTION WHICH IS GATHERING ITS FORCES IN AMERICA! The building of an American People's Front depends on the building of the Party!

## LETTERS

### Book Exposes Roper

Editor Western Worker:

In a recent Western Worker a news note revealed that some Workers' Alliance official demanded the resignation of Daniel Roper, Secretary of the Interior, at a hearing in Washington.

If it is of interest to you, Roper is thoroughly shown up by Ewing Mitchell, former Assistant Secretary of Commerce, in his book, "Kicked and Kicked Out of the President's Little Cabinet." This book is no doubt available in the public library. Mitchell managed to get under Roper's collar, but nothing was done about it.

Also, could you tell me where I could send some literature to be forwarded to the Lincoln Battalion?

Sincerely, P. Edwall, Washington.

## AN EDITORIAL

### Demand Their Release!

THE Criminal Syndicalism victims are free. California's third district court of appeals says they are free.

An outraged California public has long said they should be free.

But the boys are still in San Quentin.

WHY are they being held?

WHY does the State of California delay executing the order of the court?

WHY does Attorney General U. S. Webb, friend of the Associated Farmers, traitor of the Santa Rosa tar and feather victims, henchman of the reactionary bankers and industrialists, delay the release of these boys?

Demand that the boys be released immediately!

Demand of Webb, with letters and telegrams, an explanation for this brazen disregard of the law!

# That Daily Paper

Even the Blind Can See  
Items From L. A.  
W. W. Song

# La Pasionaria . . . Mother and Fighter

By L. SYLVIA

Ask a soldier of Spain today who is the best beloved person in that embattled country and he will answer with the name of a woman.

It is Dolores Ibarruri, a name known by every Spanish child, respected by every soldier fighting for democracy, hated and feared by Franco and his masters in Rome and Berlin. It is a name that history will record among the noblest of mankind.

Dolores Ibarruri, affectionately called La Pasionaria by Spain's millions, grew up surrounded by workers and steeped in their problems. Born the daughter of a miner, she passed through her first school of class education in a workers' center, where miners gathered together every evening and discussed the problems of their hard life.

Here young Dolores became acquainted with the history of the heroic struggle of the workers of Biscay as told by those who organized and participated in these battles.

The young girl, like the majority of daughters of Spanish miners, suffered a bitter lot as a servant to a rich family, and later as waitress in a small cafe. This hard life hastened the class education of young Dolores.

### A Girl Socialist

When she was 17 years old she joined the local Socialist group in Biscay, and from the very first day became one of its leading members, and a correspondent to a Socialist newspaper. The passionate fighting character of Dolores, in her first articles and letters, won her the name of "Pasionaria."

The great proletarian revolution in Russia exerted exceptional influence over the development of the young woman revolutionary. From the very first she became one of its warmest and most convinced defenders.

In 1920, the Socialist group to which Dolores belonged was one of the first to affiliate itself to the Communist organization which was being formed at that time in Madrid. And when the Communist Party was formed the next year, Pasionaria became one of its founders.

Anarcho-syndicalist workers tell how she saved a wounded comrade. She ran two kilometers after the police who were driving him over the border of the district, and afterwards hid him in her home.

### Braves Whips

In Bilbao, Socialist and Communists, all the working people saw how on May 1, 1931, during the first days of the republic, when the police attempted with whips and bullets to disband a demonstration organized by the Communist Party, Pasionaria raised high the banner and ran forward, drawing the masses after her, and led the demonstration through all the streets of the city.

Dolores Ibarruri is perhaps the most famous woman in Spain which almost automatically means one of the most famous

struggles. The authorities of the jail in Madrid know quite well this flaming Communist who knows how to rally all the prisoners around herself.

By her struggle against fascism and war, Pasionaria succeeded in winning sympathy, admiration and authority, not only among working women, but also among the petty-bourgeois women. In Madrid she led them on the first mass women's demonstration in Spain against the decree of the mobilization of reserves (September, 1934).

### Woman's Bitter Lot

And last year, on March 8, International Women's Day, 80,000 demonstrators marched in Madrid under the slogans of the Communist Party demanding the liberation of the working women of Spain from the triple oppression of landlord-capitalist exploitation, the bitter lot of women, and the menace of fascism and war. Pasionaria—the most popular person in Spain—inspired these people.

She gained national renown during Spain's October of 1934, in those glorious days when the miners of Asturias took up arms against fascism. Dolores Ibarruri was with them behind their barricades, encouraging them, helping.

After the defeat of the October days, 1934, she was clever enough to make her way into the cells of the imprisoned fighters and to bring them the slogans of the Communist Party as well as information as to the successes of the People's Front. She went to the widows and orphans of the Asturian miners and organized aid for them, indifferent to threats of repression.

It is little wonder that in the elections which followed in February, 1936, she was elected to the Popular Front Parliament.

The Party members know and value Pasionaria not only as a brave fighter and considerate comrade, but as a model of irreconcilable to traitors in the ranks of the Party.

### Cited at 7th Congress

At the Seventh Congress of the Communist International in 1935, when speaking of a correct policy towards cadres, Comrade Dimitrov emphasized the need for correctly promoting members in the following words:

"We have examples in our Parties of promotions which have produced excellent results. For instance, we have a Spanish woman Communist sitting in the Presidium of this Congress, Comrade Dolores. Two years ago she was still a rank and file Party worker. But in the very first clashes with the class enemy she proved to be an excellent agitator and fighter. Subsequently promoted to the leading body of the Party, she has proved herself a most worthy member of that body."

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in the world.

She is one of the outstanding leaders among the heroic defenders of democracy in Spain. Her husband and four sons are at the front.

She herself divides her time

between the front and the rear

guard, inspiring all who come in

contact with her and her great

courage. She has traveled to

many countries of Europe to

mobilize support—moral and

financial aid—for the defenders of

democracy and their wives and

children.

She is the struggle of the

ages, testing whether the people

of the earth will longer endure

the destruction of liberty

and life by the forces of despotism and want. And here are the words of Pasionaria: "No Pasaran!"

To her children, on International Youth Day, she wrote a letter. It might well be a letter to the youth of the world, to the workers of every land:

I cannot say how much longer this terrible war will continue.

But I am convinced that victory

will be ours, that in the end we

will destroy forever the caste

and privileges which ruined

Spain, checked her progress and

compelled her workers and peo-

pants to live in sorrow, poverty

and slavery.

My children! When you are

celebrating International Youth

Day among the happiest youth

of the world, do not forget your

brothers who are dying on the

front in Spain, fighting for the

future of Freedom and Justice.

I embrace you a thousand times.

Your mother,

# La Pasionaria . . . Mother and Fighter

Dairy of An American in Spain

## WINE BEFORE BATTLE

By ADDISON KEELER

August 13 . . .

In my last letter I wrote of our transfer from the training battalion and I tried to describe how tickled and how proud we were to be at last with the Lincoln-Washington. Today we were lined up after mess and were definitely assigned to sections in the battalion. In my company all the section leaders and corporals are veterans of the last campaign and we who have not yet been under fire feel ourselves to be in competent hands.

Besides the assignment to sec-

tions, other important announce-

ments were made. From now on our company will bear the name of that working class fighter.

Harry Hynes, who was killed in action during the last push.

We voted also to donate two pesetas per man for the purchase of a company flag which will

bear across the top the lettering "Harry Hynes Company" with "Lincoln-Washington Battalion" at the bottom and in the center a clenched fist.

### Democratic Army

After the assembly we were marched out of town and after a few manouevres were seated in the shade of a cliff where we listened to an informal talk by our lieutenant on the tactics of the last campaign. What I like about this army is the complete freedom that every soldier in it has to ask questions and offer advice and criticism. This makes such talk as the one described infinitely more interesting and more valuable because each one of the men who participated in the attack on Brunete and the assault of Mosquito Hill could and did draw observations from their own individual experience. Thus we learned, for example, that liaison between the attacking companies and battalions was sometimes ragged and that this error must be avoided during the next push.

There is a great difference between life here and in the training camp which we left a few days ago. There is much more freedom here and less strict discipline. We're treated here more as adults if you get what I mean. Coming from training camp, to battalion headquarters, and finally to the front is like a "growing-up" process—from high school to college and finally out into life. At least this is the way it discipline less severe.

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My children! When you are celebrating International Youth Day among the happiest youth of the world, do not forget your brothers who are dying on the front in Spain, fighting for the future of Freedom and Justice.

I embrace you a thousand times.

Your mother,

DOLORES IBARRURI.

which demonstrated the sort of democracy that exists in this army. Yesterday was payday and a group of the boys, their pockets lined with well-earned pesetas, crowded the three "vino joints" of the town secure in the knowledge that they were free to drink uninterrupted up until 10:30 p.m. But unknown to them, a Spanish Company had mounted guard that night and at nine o'clock, in accordance with the rules of the Spanish battalion, this guard closed down the joints, ejecting the occupants.

Fifteen minutes later, Comrade Vandenberg, our battalion commander, (one of the best loved and most efficient military leaders in Spain) was informed that a delegation was waiting outside headquarters to see him.

He ordered the delegation to be admitted but for sometime (he speaks French and English) could not make out what they wanted. When at last he understood, he smiled broadly, clapped the spokesman on the back and assured the aggrieved "vino frontiers" that he would issue orders to the effect that such a mistake should not occur again.

### Shifts in Personnel

But there is discipline, adult discipline. The other day one officer and four non-coms were docked pay and reduced to the ranks because they went to Madrid for a forty-eight hour leave and forgot to report back for a week.

### August 14 . . .

Today an important announcement was made to the entire battalion. From now on, we will form part of the 15th Brigade which will be made up of the Lincoln-Washington, the English Battalion, and the Canadian Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion. A shift in personnel was also made, which will bring us Captain

Amile (brother of Congressman Amile of Wisconsin) as Commander of the Lincoln-Washington Battalion.

Our political commander is now Comrade Robinson, a sailor, who formerly was Captain of a machine gun company. Nelson, our political leader, goes to Brigade headquarters as political commander, while Lieutenant Dart, formerly adjutant of the Lincoln-Washington, is shifted to the Mackenzie-Papineau, and Captain — goes to Brigade headquarters.

### Art and Music

## Look Like a Saint For 1000 Kissers!

By GEORGE HITCHCOCK

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slave-masters and ex-Confederates launched a reign of terror against the people; but against this counter-revolution the Reconstruction governments failed to use a stern hand.

Key to South's Economy

By leaving untouched the very

foundation of the South's eco-

nomic structure—the landed es-

tates with their semi-feudal

forms of labor—the bourgeoisie

betrayed its own revolution. It

doomed democracy in the South.

The plantation hindered the free

development of independent

and rationalized agriculture of

an indigenous industry and,

therefore, also delayed the

growth of democratic classes."

Yet, despite this ignoble fail-

ure, the revolution had its glori-

ous aspects. These are precisely

those phases of Reconstruction

which have borne the full brunt

of Bourbon propaganda—those

phases in which the newly freed

Negroes entered upon the exer-

cise of their rights as citizens.

Once driven to the struggle,

the bourgeoisie under the leadership of the middle-class Lincoln

hesitated to adopt revolutionary

means to crush reaction. The

minimum requirements of the

conflict included not only the

defeat of the slave power in

war, but "the complete destruction

of the economic and politi-

cal power of the landed barons.

This meant full emancipa-

tion and bourgeois freedom for

the Negro.

Indeed, it was not until the

vacillating Lincoln

had been forced to issue his Emancipation

Proclamation, to recruit Negroes

as soldiers, and to arm them

throughout the South that the

tide of battle turned definitely

in favor of the North. This was

the revolutionary tactic long

championed by Thaddeus Stevens, real leader of the bourgeois

revolution.

Indeed, it is that Allen has

made a distinct contribution to

# CIO Wins Contract on World's Largest Poultry Farm

## VIGILANTES RAISE MONEY TO STOP UNIONS

Bankers Head Move to Smash Organization Of Farm Workers

(Continued from Page 1)  
county is forced to rely upon the Bank of America for credit, the answer obvious. Either remit—or else.

The question of "radical leadership is also a matter of greatest importance to the business men of California," the note from the Bank of America declares. "The state Chamber needs help and support to carry on and we are hopeful that you can see your way clear to contribute the amount recommended in the committee's letter."

Where will the money bludgeoned out of small business men go? Into the pockets of Ignatius McCarthy, San Francisco gas bomb salesmen who supplied the Farmers Association in Stockton with the requisite ammunition to gas 60 workers last Spring? Or into the hands of U. S. Attorney General Webb and his cohorts who found business leaders, including officials of the Bank of America "not guilty" of the terroristic attacks on Green and Nitzberg last year? These are the questions workers in the two counties are now asking.

Members of "The Committee" plotting terrorism for Sonoma and Napa counties are: J. H. Threlkeld, regional vice-president of the California Chamber of Commerce; Herbert K. Walton, regional director of the Chamber; Andrew Rocca, manager Bank of America, Calistoga; W. R. Haley, manager Bank of America, Healdsburg; B. R. Hennessey, manager Bank of America, Napa; A. P. Behrens, manager Bank of America, Petaluma; Dolph B. Hill, president Golden Eagle Milling Co., director Bank of America, Petaluma; Theo. Maclay, vice-president of Bank of America, Petaluma; George R. Cahan, manager Bank of America, Santa Rosa; Harry B. Fuller, vice-president, Sebastopol National Bank; B. C. Corlett, vice-president, First National Bank, Napa; R. B. Stevens, proprietor A. F. Stevens Lumber Co., Healdsburg; H. H. Sawyer, president Sawyer Tanning Co., Napa; M. Vonson, president M. Vonson Co., Petaluma; Carl E. Bundschu, manager Inglenook Vineyard Co., Rutherford; Dr. E. H. Crawford, Santa Rosa; George A. Proctor, Santa Rosa; Frank M. Butler, manager Speal Manufacturing Co., Sebastopol; L. R. Hart, manager Sebastopol Apple Growers Union; Walter Metzner, St. Helena.

## PRESS SILENT ON TORY'S PAST

Crocker Predicted Strike Would Destroy Unity

SAN FRANCISCO — "The strike is the best thing that ever happened to San Francisco. It's solving the labor problem for years to come, perhaps forever. When this nonsense is out of the way and the men have been driven back to their jobs we won't have to worry about them any more. Labor is licked!"

Thus spoke San Francisco's "benevolent" capitalist, William H. Crocker, during the great 1934 general strike. Last week when banker Crocker, now 76 years of age, lay dying in his \$500,000 Hillsborough mansion, San Francisco newspapers said nothing of his arrogant anti-labor past, but spoke loudly of his "philanthropy," "benevolence" and "nobility."

Built Shoddy Houses

Son of Charles Crocker, who with Huntington, Hopkins and Stanford built the Southern Pacific railroad and robbed the West of millions of dollars through their vast interlocking empire, W. H. Crocker always had millions. The millions he had doubled after the great fire of 1906 by financing the reconstruction of the city and by exacting his toll from the tenants ruined by the fire and earthquake.

Meanwhile his fortune, which spread through the boards of directors of all the key industries of the Pacific Coast, grew and grew. Whereas the shoddy houses he built after the 1906 fire still deface great sections of San Francisco, into his own house went \$500,000. For years it has been the show place of Hillsborough.

When death came to William H. Crocker last week, it came too late to halt the spreading tentacles of the Crocker fortune.

## Mexico's President Reports to New Congress



LAZARO CARDENAS delivering his address on the state of the republic in which he announced his country's intention of continuing the social revolution on the industrial and commercial fronts as well as on the agricultural.

## 'Shake Hands Like This,' Says Oakland's Best Party Builder

By CLINT DUFF

The swiftest Party Builder in Oakland also seems to be one of the best liked. Perhaps the reason for this is that he goes out of his way to make friends. Incidentally he makes such good friends that sooner or later they understand his viewpoint well enough to want to be in the Communist Party.

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### Likes His Neighborhood

Harry Brown, in the twenty-first year of his life, works hard every day repairing Oakland's streets. He is a member of Hod Carriers AFL Local 304 and a good trade unionist. But he prefers to spend most of his time when off work in his own neighborhood on 7th Street in West Oakland. What he does in this neighborhood is worth noticing if we want to understand how he recruited nine Party members and nine YCL'ers during the single week of September 12 to 18th.

Getting off work at 4 p.m., he returns home but usually does not stay there long. Instead he usually goes over and raps on some neighbor's door; sometimes he has talked to them before, sometimes he has not. But he prepares for all eventualities and does not set forth empty-handed. He takes the latest issue of the "Western Worker" or, perhaps the attractive "Fight," "Labor Defender" or "Soviet Russia Today."

### 'Western' My Front

"This material, especially the Western Worker, is my front," explains Harry, "you get almost anyone to look at these magazines and they get curious. They want to know what this or that picture is about; then you explain.

"I don't stay too long the first time but after awhile I get up and say: 'Well so long, friend. Say you know—I've got a fine book to give you next time I come. When are you usually at home?'"

This offering a book is very good technique according to our ace friend-maker and recruiter. Everyone likes something for nothing and especially a copy of Browder's "What is Communism" or M. J. Orlin's "Why Communism." Brown would not recommend any particular book or pamphlet however, but said that this must vary with each new friend. During the first visit one must get a line on the

### special interests and problems of his hosts.

### More Visits

Swiftly Harry outlined to me the rest of that splendid process: winning new members for our party. On the second visit, you bring a pamphlet, on the third you have a discussion on the good and bad points of it, and on the fourth, perhaps, you invite him to some party gathering. Harry recommends a large social gathering such as a dance or picnic for the first time. This gives the new friend the feeling that he is being introduced to a real big organization. Under this stimulus of many people around and about, Harry does most of his actual signing up of new members.

But when one of Harry's friends signs an application, this act by no means ejects

him from Harry's friendship. Indeed Harry's interest grows now that the new friend has become a new comrade. Harry makes sure that the new comrade attends his new member's class and mass functions of the Party—even to the point of escorting him to these meetings.

And if the new Party member lives in some distant section of the city, Harry arranges with a comrade in that district to shepherd the new member. Harry is always glad to reciprocate in this process.

These sure and simple ideas of Harry, if put into effect by all of our Party members as earnestly as he does, would result in drastically curtailing the horrible fluctuation which so often etches away our membership gains. In fact, we can learn a lot of things from Harry Brown.

Figures issued by the district recently show that even if taken at face value, the work is proceeding at one-fourth the speed at which it should progress.

### Strike Solid

Thus far pickets have resisted all attempts of the district to break the strike by fomenting "back to work" movements, by arresting strike leaders, by terrorizing, shooting and beating workers. Picket lines are still maintained along the 35-mile desert front. Publicity and relief committees are at work in Long Beach and other cities of the district.

### RR Workers' Pay Demand Betrayed

Take heed. Don't be misled by the strange showing of Los Angeles of only "Seven Dollars" to date in the Daily Western Worker Drive. While the weekly drive table in the Western didn't show it, LOS ANGELES WAS NOT ASLEEP—they are working feverishly to beat San Francisco!

On October 7th, this Thursday, there is scheduled in Los Angeles a general membership meeting. We have inside information that plans are on foot wherein each unit will bring enough cash to the meeting to make up at least 25 per cent of their quota.

Are we San Franciscans going to let the Angelinos get away with it? A thousand times NO!

At the last Saturday's regular drive conference the comrades decided unanimously to have 30 per cent of our quota—\$2,250—by Saturday, October 9th.

To date we have \$1507.79—\$742.21 to go! Can we do it? Of course we can.

We had a fairly good start in the first three weeks. All we have to do now is to speed up our tempo!

NOW FOR THE JOB.

This week is day's wages week for the Daily Western Worker Drive.

Make a clean sweep.

1. Be sure to have a 100 per cent attendance in all branches and units.

2. Explain to the membership how we stand to date.

3. Ask every member to turn in his day's pay.

4. Appoint a squad to visit at once, all absent members for collection.

5. Visit your friends and shopmates and collect their day's pay.

6. Turn in all cash on hand not later than Saturday, October 9th.

And while you are doing this, bear in mind constantly our Party Building Drive.

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**City Att'y in Contra Costa  
Stooging for Standard Oil.**

**6-Hr. Day Movement Gains  
Momentum in Bldg. Trades**

# WORKERS' CORRESPONDENCE

## Teamster Czars Use Sadists Against CIO Men in L. A.

### LODI WINERY WORKER TELLS OF FRAME-UP CONVICTION IN FATAL AUTO ACCIDENT CASE

**Car Without Lights Caused Worker to Crash With Truck; State Cops Refused to Investigate**

By a Winery Worker

LODI, San Joaquin County—Because I am a working man and haven't much money or political influence, I have been found guilty of something I am entirely innocent of.

I am writing you my story in hopes that you will print it in your paper, and that some of these politicians will get hold of it, for they refused to put it in any paper around here.

#### Fired for Unionism

In May I was working for the Da Roza Winery and had been for about four months. On May 2 I joined an organization. Twenty-four hours after that the boss fired me because he said he couldn't pay 60 cents an hour. I was getting 40 cents before.

He was going to hire another man, but the organization made him put me back to work. On May 12 I had to take a load of wine to Modesto. It was 8 o'clock in the evening when I got it there and I went to go back to the winery at about 9 p.m. I passed through Stockton and about eight miles north of there I met a car coming from the opposite direction with real bright lights.

#### Car Without Lights

I put my lights on dim, but he didn't, so I put mine on dim again. The second I turned them down a car without lights leaped up in front of me. I swerved to miss it and crashed into the car with the glaring headlights.

At the time I had my wife and sister in law with me at the boss's request. I got out of the truck, helped my wife and sister in law out (they were badly cut up) and then I went to the other car and helped those people out. There were four of them. I had somebody call an ambulance and did everything in my power to get the injured to the hospital at the time, forgetting all about the car ahead of me without lights—the one that was the cause of the whole accident.

#### Refused to Investigate

Then the highway patrol came. I told them that I was the truck driver and that I was at fault as between me and the car I crashed into, but that there was a car in front of me without lights that was the cause of it all. After investigation, one of the officers took me to Lodi which was the place I was headed for before the crash.

One and a half miles north we came upon the car that was in front of me. It was parked along the highway, still without lights. I asked the officer to stop and get his license number but he said he didn't have time.

—Alexander Lermer

**Striking Cleaners Are Arrested for Demanding Relief**

By a Cleaning Worker

SAN FRANCISCO—Two hundred striking members of the United Cleaners & Dyers Union massed at city relief headquarters at Mason and Clay Sts. last Wednesday in a demonstration intending to bring to the attention of the relief officials the plight of approximately 30 of their members who had been refused aid.

#### Strikebreaker Small

On three occasions a union committee had been refused relief for needy members. According to applicants who have individually sought relief during the past month, the apparent intention of the relief officials is to compel workers on strike to seab on themselves and their fellow workers by forcing them to return to their jobs. Several unsuccessful applicants declare the agency is acting as a strikebreaker.

The "law and order" forces commanded the delegation to go outside. When they refused to move until aid was forthcoming, three loads of citizens and taxpayers who were insisting on their civil rights were carted off to jail. There they were charged with "disturbing the peace" and held on \$25 bail each.

A union survey showed those arrested for seeking aid are sole supporters of their families.

#### Denied Medical Aid

I was all bruised up and had a big piece of glass in my eye. The second day in jail I asked for medical attention. I couldn't get that. The morning after the crash the boss came down to jail with a lawyer. I told them the same story and told them to go and find the car that loomed up in front of me that night.

They left and I didn't see anybody for three days. I asked to use the phone a dozen times and they finally gave me permission. I called the boss and asked him if he wasn't going to bail me out. He said: "Hell, no, find your own way out and if you get out you had better keep going, because people will

### CIO Field Union Kitchen Started

By a Worker Correspondent

KNIGHTS LANDING, Yolo County—At our regular business meeting Sept. 22, it was decided to sell meal tickets to the members of the union to start a union kitchen in the rear of the CIO hall.

Some \$42.50 worth of tickets were sold. The membership is confident of the success of the venture and believes it will encourage a wider paid-up membership.

The paid-up membership in Field Workers Union, Local 33 (CIO), now numbers 43, and the kitchen operating without profits is just one of the tactics to be employed to encourage the workers and reap the benefits of organized efforts.

### WEBER NO AID TO MUSICIANS

#### Union Head Doesn't Help 20,000 Jobless

By a Musician

SAN FRANCISCO—About seven years ago, 18 to 20 thousand musicians gainfully employed in moving picture theatres had been displaced by sound pictures.

In Hollywood about 400 musicians can probably fill the needs of motion picture producers in making film records. If it were humanly possible to dispense with the services of the "select-four hundred," the producers would not hesitate to eliminate them.

#### Weber Impotent

When the movie theatres threw out their orchestras, Joseph N. Weber, President of the American Federation of Musicians, gave us the argument that we could not stop "progress" and seemed in a more or less helpless state to handle the situation at that time and has done nothing since to remedy the situation.

**Thousands of musicians, who are still capable performers on their instruments and experienced in concert and theatrical work, are now on WPA and relief rolls.**

He tells me to go to Hell and did everything in his power to find me guilty so that I would be out of the way and he could hire whomever he wants to.

It doesn't make any difference now. I will probably be sent to San Quentin prison for from four to 12 years. Not because I'm guilty, but just to save the face of the highway patrol and the District Attorney's office.

Now, I'm asking you, is that protection for a working man?

The boss should have had insurance on his truck and everything would be over with.

—Alexander Lermer

#### Striking Cleaners Are Arrested for Demanding Relief

By a Cleaning Worker

SAN FRANCISCO—Two hundred striking members of the United Cleaners & Dyers Union massed at city relief headquarters at Mason and Clay Sts. last Wednesday in a demonstration intending to bring to the attention of the relief officials the plight of approximately 30 of their members who had been refused aid.

#### Strikebreaker Small

On three occasions a union committee had been refused relief for needy members. According to applicants who have individually sought relief during the past month, the apparent intention of the relief officials is to compel workers on strike to seab on themselves and their fellow workers by forcing them to return to their jobs.

Local 326 is going to expose the lies of this Standard Oil

stereotype.

#### Prices Raised

The "first run" movie theatres have recently raised the admission charge from forty cents to fifty-five cents, with some talk of raising it further to sixty-five cents, and still no living music in the theatres. Well maybe the government can do something about it. From all reports, the governments of other countries have long since done something about it and the musicians are working in the theatres in those countries.

When the delegation was refused admittance at the main entrance, the body went to the back door which was unlocked but held shut from the inside by an employee. After entrance was made at the rear door, the delegation was met outside Administrator Small's office but was refused entrance as a body. Sam Shasky, union president, was also refused admittance to Mr. Small's inner sanctum. The gentleman refused to see anyone but instead called the police.

The "law and order" forces

commanded the delegation to go outside. When they refused to move until aid was forthcoming, three loads of citizens and taxpayers who were insisting on their civil rights were carted off to jail. There they were charged with "disturbing the peace" and held on \$25 bail each.

A union survey showed those arrested for seeking aid are sole supporters of their families.

### New Mexico People Beat Reactionaries

By a Worker Correspondent

ROSWELL, New Mexico—A notable victory for the working class was made in New Mexico yesterday in defeating the constitutional amendments at the rate of two to one. These nefarious amendments were designed to place New Mexico permanently in the hands of gang politics, which have the present reactionary set-up a hold upon the people that would have been difficult to remove by the ballot.

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### RICHMOND CITY ATT'Y ASSISTS STANDARD OIL

#### Attacks CIO, Praises Oil Empire at Meeting of Company Union

By an Oil Worker

RICHMOND, Contra Costa County—At a meeting of the Richmond Standard Oil Employees Assn., company union, here on September 29, Tom Carlson, city attorney of Richmond and also Standard Oil attorney, opened his speech by mentioning that the CIO Intl. Oil Workers had petitioned the National Labor Relations Board for an election at the El Segundo plant of the Standard Oil Co. to determine whether they had collective bargaining rights in that refinery.

**Tries to Block CIO Union**

Carlson stated that Fred Phillips, Oil Workers Union representative, had testified before the Shell Oil Co., hearing that the elections should be conducted on a state-wide basis in the manufacturing department of the Shell, and that he asked J. C. Coulter, union representative, why he asked for such a state-wide election in Shell and only wants an election in a single plant of the Standard Oil. Coulter replied that that is the only place we have any members, then Carlson said he asked that an election be held on a state-wide basis in the Standard.

**Speaks for Co. Union**

The position taken by the Standard Oil Co. at the hearing was that the men had to choose the organization they wanted to represent them, said Carlson. Carlson's opinion was that the men would make a great mistake in choosing the Oil Workers Union. He said:

"If you choose the Oil Workers Union, I am afraid you will lose the good standing and relations you have had in the past.

The meeting showed a marked increase in the interest and enthusiasm for the six-hour day among building trades workers.

It was reported that the Building Council was going to try to

force the Plasterers and Hod Carriers to accept arbitration on the six-hour day issue.

**Will Fight to End**

This, the delegates from those crafts report, will be fought to the end by the membership. All delegates were requested to contact members of the Building Trades Council to demand that they vote down the issue of arbitration.

**Thousands of musicians, who are still capable performers on their instruments and experienced in concert and theatrical work, are now on WPA and relief rolls.**

This year a heroic, but isolated attempt by the fighting New York Local to get the musicians back into the theatres met with but little success. A successful fight can only be achieved by a firm stand on the part of every red-blooded local in our American Federation of Musicians. Moreover, this fight can only be waged effectively by a rank and file movement.

**No Unity Between Crafts**

If we intend to wait for any suggestions about getting musicians back into the theatres from our federation officers (drawing big fat salaries and trust funds), we have to wait until hell freezes over.

Most of us former theatre musicians have been under the impression that there was a standing agreement between the stage hands, operators and musicians, which protected each other in their employment. In other words, all three crafts must work together in the theatres, or none at all. What has become of this agreement?

Why were the musicians kicked out of the theatres when sound pictures came in, without recourse to the aforementioned agreement? This is something for our national officers to explain to the rank and file and also to let us know how much longer the musicians are going to be a part of the organization that will do to hell to all.

**Works for Standard Oil Profits**

Carlson said: "I have done an awful lot of work. However, I realize some of you fellows think that all an attorney does is to sit around and smoke high-priced cigars, but I had to analyze five volumes and write five briefs in one week, I have a bill for \$750. I had to make two airplane trips to Los Angeles and had to fly back to Washington, D. C. I have spent a lot of my own good money but I am not begging you for any money and am not as much as asking a thank you.

**Lies About Union**

Carlson said the trouble with the workers is that they have been in the habit of letting someone else do their thinking for them. He said the Oil Workers Union was handing out propaganda there that night and also passed out pamphlets at the Standard Oil gates at a salary of \$200 to \$500 per month. Y! Y!

"When these fellows contact you," said Carlson, "you don't only refuse to take their literature but give them a good go to hell to all."

**Movement Picks Up**

A general revival of the six-hour day movement was instituted. Delegates are going before all locals to speak with the object of creating a general interest in this important move.

With the steady increase in unemployment it is not hard to see what a great benefit the six-hour day would be.

**Small Truck Men Driven to Wall**

LOS ANGELES—Back in Civil Works Administration days when federal work relief was new, three small fry "took the rap" for practicing a very old game—the payoff.

After Federal Judge Paul J. McCormick had finished pouring his high sounding judicial peroration over the heads of Emily Daddiford, Laurette Hasker and Al Post, truck operators who had kicked back 10 per cent to this trio for those higher up, felt that the smoke had cleared away. Work relief, they thought, would now be on an honest basis—according to need. But they were disappointed.

**Worse Off Than Ever**

According to J. C. Francis, a truck operator, who exposed the payoff racket to John B. Elliott, back-stage political power in the Democratic Party, after U. S. District Attorney Pierson M. Hall's office ignored the story, the little truck operators are now worse off than ever.

Expenses incident to the operation of one dump truck are listed by Francis as follows:

1—State license \$53, 2—Liability and property damage insurance \$60; 3—Board of Equalization permit \$25 and 4—per cent of gross earnings; 5—Four cents a gallon gas tax; 6—Chauffeur's license \$2.

Little truck owners succeeded

some time back in obtaining a ruling from WPA which restricted one contract to one truck owner.

Under this plan big and

little operators would be on the same basis. More little fellows who needed the work would get the six-hour day.

They'll have a tough time misleading Filippino workers or any other workers against our union.

Vandeleur has already chartered a phone Alaska Cannery Union in the jurisdiction of the bona fide ACWU, but he is not above chartering another phone union in the same jurisdiction.

**ACWU Will Be CIO**

According to information recently received by the writer, the CIO and the Maritime Federation in the Pacific will not recognize any Vandeleur "union" chartered in the jurisdiction of the bona fide ACWU which was chartered in the spring of 1936.

By the time this article appears

in the Western the ACWU will be in possession of a CIO charter and the Maritime Federation will be about 77 per cent.

Anticipating biased treatment

from the Railroad Commission,

little trucking interests fought

in 1935 against railroad sponsored legislation to place the entire trucking business under that state agency. The railroads, which are

also the biggest trucking contractors, won out. Now the little

fellows under commission regulation are knocked over whenever they get in the big boy's

way.

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# A Special Page of Trade Union News, Developments and Features

"Progress vs. Gangsterism in the AFL," an article on the recent California State Federation of Labor Convention--Los Angeles CIO demands Grand Jury investigate "Goons"--Wives of Banning Tunnel strikers win fight for relief--2000 farmers vote for CIO--Additional labor news on regular news pages.

# Western Worker Identifies Thugs Hired by AFL Officials

## EXPOSE SHOWS HOW "GOONS" OPERATE IN BRUTAL ATTACKS ON CIO MEN IN LOS ANGELES

Lists Descriptions, License Numbers of "Goon" Squad Cars; Many Thugs Wanted as Criminals

(Los Angeles W. W. Bureau)  
LOS ANGELES--Names, addresses and descriptions of thugs hired by AFL officials, was but one phase of details uncovered by Western Worker reporters here last week in connection with an investigation into the continued beatings of CIO workers by "goon squads."

First, and foremost perhaps, was the disclosure showing how, through the use of only 80 thugs, Teamsters' Union officials are able to compel hundreds of honest workers to serve in the murderous "beef squads."

**Crude and Ruthless**  
Once known, the method appears simple, for the bludgeon tactics of "goons" are crude as they are ruthless. And one needs to observe them in operation to appreciate fully their deadly intent.

For example, a picture typical of "goon" activities in Los Angeles begins at their headquarters, which is the office of "Boss" Duggan, secretary of the Teamsters Union here, located at 1058 West 60th St.

Here the force of about 80 is divided into small groups. Each "goon" is armed with a revolver (though none of them carry gun permits) and a black jack or baseball bat. Instructions are issued concerning what slippings are to be carried out on that particular day.

**"Goon" Cars Listed**  
Some of the groups are then provided with cars owned by Local 208, and which are used exclusively by "goon squads." Others driving their own cars will be named later. Descriptions and license numbers of the union cars follow:

Black 1936 Ford sedan, license 6M9116; Gray 1935 Dodge sedan, 7U8965; Green Plymouth sedan, 5V7643; Gray 1936 Chevrolet sedan, 6M1091.

One of these cars is marked with an "X" and is authoritatively reported to carry a Tommy sub-machine gun.

The "goons" then drive over the city to places where teamsters congregate. Workers are approached in an ominously serious manner and the conversation goes something like this:

**How They "Recruit"**  
Goon: You, Jones, Smith, Brown, Kelly, come here. This is your day on the picket line.

Worker: Sure, what picket line?

Goon: You fellows all have jobs? Married? Kids? Debts?

Worker: Yes, certainly. Most of us.

Goon: Well, this isn't a picket line, exactly. We're going out and dump some of those CIO b----s.

Worker: Not me, I haven't anything against those guys. They're trying to earn a living same as we are.

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And thus the "goon squad" is formed. The next step is a savage attack upon CIO workers.

**"Goons" Identified**

Following are some particularly vicious "goons" their descriptions, and license numbers of cars positively known to have been used in "goon-led" outrages:

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Paul McKnight, 1830 E. 20th street, arrested in Zellerbach Paper Co. "goon" terrorism; released by police. Andy McLane, drives a gray 1934 La Salle roadster, no license, usually wears a gray coat and a dark hat.

**"Prize Gorillas"**

Herbert S. Bailey, 1122 North Euclid street, Ontario; drives a Buick sedan, license 2T3176; Jessie Guy Cottle, 3426 8th avenue, Los Angeles; drives a Plymouth sedan, 1935, license 8N5127; Burr Hoffmaster, Clearlake Oaks; drives a Star, license 9B9536; Mark Oreb, 1347 19th street, San Pedro, license 1W8886; William Cobb, 6210 Albany street, Los Angeles; drives a 1936 Chevrolet sedan, license 6U7496.

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## CIO SEEKS GRAND JURY PROBE INTO 'GOON' ATTACKS

Affidavits Prove Los Angeles AFL Officials Culpable

LOS ANGELES—Exerting every pressure to spur county and city police into pursuance of their sworn duty to extend protection to CIO workers against attacks of thugs hired by AFL officials, CIO officials here last week dispatched a letter to the grand jury, addressed to Foreman John Bauer, demanding an investigation.

"During the past six months between 30 and 40 men have been brutally beaten and plagued by gangsters operating within the confines of Los Angeles County," stated the letter. "In only one instance have any arrests been made . . .

**Ample Proof**  
"We have ample evidence to prove that high officials in the AFL are directing the numerous assaults upon the life and limb of L. A. citizens.

"This letter is written in the hope and belief that the L. A. County grand jury will launch an immediate investigation of these attacks upon peaceable citizens. We are prepared to present to you some 15 affidavits from men who have been seriously injured by the paid gangsters of certain labor leaders. These documents will serve to show the extent of the terrorism which we have mentioned, the obvious failure of the local authorities to act and will show as well, the conspiracy which exists behind these cases of violence."

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**Figures Exaggerated**

Every attempt was made by Vandeleur to give the impression that the convention represented a powerful, growing labor movement. His report of the membership represented by the convention delegates was re-ferred to the committee.

The Central Labor Councils

## Foc'sle and Dock

By BILL SMITH

MR. JOE ANDERSON, average Longshoreman, bought a paper at the corner and boarded a car headed for the waterfront. It was 6 o'clock in the morning, but the car was crowded and so Joe stood in the rear and tried to read.

First he looked for the waterfront news. It was there, on the front page, misleading headlines, twisted quotations, perverted motives and all. But Mr. Joe Anderson knew that you had to read between the lines.

Nevertheless a puzzled frown wrinkled his forehead as he tried to separate the chaff from the wheat. The story said "Continued on page 11, Column 6," but Joe didn't bother to turn. Instead he read about China. It seemed the Japanese were winning and the Chinese were winning.

Then his eye caught an item on Spain. Franco had won a smashing victory. But buried in the middle of the story was a paragraph that told how the Loyalists had taken hundreds of prisoners and had advanced another quarter of mile on the Madrid front.

**Miss Lottadough**

WHEN Joe Anderson finally reached "Page 11, Column 6," he discovered there a two-column statement by Harry Bridges. The front page had been given over to excerpts from a statement by a teamster union official. That statement also was printed on "Page 11" beside the whole trouble with Joe Anderson and his fellow longshoremen was they hadn't formed the Western Worker habit. The Western Worker is a semi-weekly. Things move rapidly nowadays. It is impossible for the Western Worker to keep in daily touch with everything.

Well, on January 1, 1918, this situation no longer will obtain. For on that date the Western Worker becomes the Western Daily Worker, six pages big, with full waterfront coverage, leased news service and all the rest of the advantages enjoyed by daily newspapers.

No more need to puzzle over lies and twisted capitalist press reports. The latest and the true reportage of daily events on the waterfront, in politics, on international affairs. And daily interpretations and analyses of the most important events. Editorials that are written with no eye to the wealthy advertisers or the shipowner who owns stock in the paper.

**Build a "Daily!"**

Come January 1, 1938, there can be no excuse for a frown on Mr. Joe Anderson's forehead. Not if he reads the Western Daily Worker.

Of course it takes money- plenty of it—to put out a daily newspaper. No donation is too small—and none too large. You can hand the cash to the fellow who will approach you with a collection list, you can send it to 121 Haight street, or you can turn it in at the Embarcadero Book Shop.

Subscriptions and donations are being taken now and the line forms on the right.

**Workers Won Strike at Blubber Bay Lime Co.**

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Recognition of a shop committee, wage increases, overtime and no discrimination were won by strikers at the Pacific Lime Co. plant at Blubber Bay, after seven weeks' strike.

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**Can Workers Union Has Closed Shop Agreement**

By A Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO—The Can Workers Union, Local 20278, is now operating under a closed shop agreement with workers desiring employment registering at the office of the union.

**Write-in What You Think to The "Western" Editor!**

Even Traveling Salesman Turned Out for CIO for CIO

50 Delegates Hear President of CIO Agricultural Union

EUREKA, Humboldt County—Although Crescent City lumber workers are practically 100 percent organized in the CIO, this did not stop Don Cameron, representative of the Carpenters and Joiners, AFL, from attempting to sign some of the men into his organization.

A committee met with Mr. Cameron in a hotel lobby and informed him that neither himself, nor his ideas were needed or wanted in Crescent City.

He called the police who did nothing. He then told his troubles to a traveling salesman who turned out to be a strong CIO man.

Mr. Cameron has not been seen in this vicinity since that time.

**Goering Brings Colic**

DRESDEN, Germany—If you have to eat Goering's 4-year plan bread, don't drink any water afterwards! The onetime staff of life, a la Nazi, is made of all sorts of inferior grains. The mixture has caused a raging epidemic of colic which made it necessary for schools here to suspend classes. The health department sent out warnings about avoiding water while eating the bready concoction.

**Tell the "Western" What Is Happening in Your Town, Shop or Neighborhood!**

MODESTO, Stanislaus County—With more than 125 members of the Associated Farmers present, the CIO Agricultural Workers Union held a successful open meeting here September 26. Although rumors of impending trouble were current before the meeting, it passed without disruption. In fact a number of farmers applauded the union speakers.

**Vigilantes Present**

Present also were members of the Stanislaus Citizens Council, a vigilante group composed of the more reactionary organizations here and of the Modesto Motorcycle Club, Citizens Council affiliate.

The 800 Motorcycle Club members are deputized and recently waged an unsuccessful fight to have the city provide them with uniforms, clubs and other policemen's equipment.

The farmers and their supporters waited outside the hall until just before the meeting began and then marched in a body. The entire audience was attentive while the CIO program of cooperation with working farmers for the organization of agricultural workers was presented.

**Orderly Meeting**

Later several provocative questions were asked during the question period, but the audience filed out in an orderly manner at the end, when the meeting was adjourned.

Speakers were Vivian Dahl, who brought greetings from the agricultural workers of New Jersey, A. C. Rogers, Northern California Director of the Canery & Agricultural Organizing Committee, and Stanley Hancock, CIO Agricultural Organizer for San Joaquin Valley. G. Kicher presided.

**Business Agent Bob Says**

JUST as the Teamster officials have come out as agricultural experts, it begins to look like the Teamster rank and file will "plow them under."

## No Lemon Here



MISS MARILYN HUBER, Orange Queen at the Los Angeles County Fair at Pomona, poses among some of the prize fruit that will be exhibited in the court of agriculture.

## Point of Order

A Trade Union Column  
By JOHN BROMAN

WHENEVER the William Greens, the Ed Vandeleurs, the John P. McLaughlins feel hard pressed to defend their betrayal of labor, they always fall back on what they consider the "old reliable." They red bait. They mouth threats against Communists. They order "purges" of Communists from trade unions.

It doesn't work like it used to and in Montana the phonograph needle seems to be stuck permanently. Recently William F. Dunne, Montana state secretary of the Communist Party, was enthusiastically received when he spoke before the Silver Bow Trades & Labor Council on the expulsion of Professor Philip O. Keeney as librarian of the University of Montana.

The delegation faced Assistant Administrator Heck with such pressure that he was forced to place all the families on the relief rolls.

Bob Randolph, strike committee member, declared other needy strikers' families would be brought to LACRA headquarters at once.

During the more than two weeks the members of the strike committee had been attempting to obtain relief, they had been shuttled back and forth between Riverside relief headquarters and those in Los Angeles.

**Run-Around**

They were turned down in Los Angeles because, though legal residents, they resided in Riverside County. And in Riverside, they were turned down because, though living there, they were resident of L. A.

Besides, the committee was told at both places that it would have to show there were no jobs for them with the Metropolitan Water District. And every pressure was brought against miners and other skilled workers to induce them to seab.

The delegation came into Los Angeles in a caravan of cars bearing posters with such slogans as "Stop Fascism in Riverside County," "We Can't Scab—We Won't Starve," "Stop Acqueduct Brutalities," "Make the Metropolitan Water District Negotiate—Save Tax Money."

## Vigilantes Fail to Disrupt CIO Union Meeting in Modesto

THE Modesto Federation of Labor, AFL, is instituting court proceedings to force Prof. Keeney's reinstatement. He was discharged because of his junior activities.

While the Silver Bow council delegates applauded, Dunne declared:

**The discharge of Prof. Keeney clearly for his activity in organizing a local union of the American Federation of Teachers on the University of Modesto campus, and for his frank views on academic freedom and progressive education, is one of those issues**